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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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In response to the Office Action mailed on October 7, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a two-month extension of the period for responding to the Office action, thereby moving the deadline for response from January 7, 2003 to March 7, 2003.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 4 without prejudice.

Please substitute the claim set in the appendix entitled Clean Version of Pending Claims for the previously pending claim set. The substitute claim set is intended to reflect amendment of previously pending claim 1 and cancellation of claim 4. The specific amendments to the claims are detailed as follows:

1. (Once amended) A bat comprising:

a hitting surface;
a handle element attached to the hitting surface; and
a sleeve positioned within the hitting surface, wherein the hitting surface and the sleeve are comprised of composite materials;

wherein the hitting surface is made from a first set of fibers and a first resin and wherein the sleeve is made from a second set of fibers and a second resin, the second set of fibers and the second resin being different than the first set of fibers and first resin.